

DEMOCRACY DENIED

Home of the First Social Credit Government
in the World



Freedom! Stands for Democracy!
Security!

SOVEREIGNTY ACKNOWLEDGED

"The Alberta Legislature was within its powers
—a sovereign Legislature."

—Lord MacMillan, London, July 6, 1938.

Three years of fight to give the people Freedom
and Security still raging.

Three years of Legislation to abolish Poverty and
Distress ruled out by Courts and the Ottawa
Government.

Three years telling Ottawa that Financial Dic-
tatorship will not be tolerated but Ottawa says
the Banks must be protected.

Three years demanding the Will of the People
is Supreme, but Ottawa says—Our Will shall
over-rule the Will of the People. Freedom to
Rule vs. Financial Dictatorship.

Acts speak louder than words. Read for your-
self and Judge.

Sovereignty Acknowledged — Democracy Denied

During the past three years there has been a most deliberate and unjustifiable attempt to block every measure designed to relieve the suffering and want which exists throughout the Province. Everything that could be done to deceive the people has been done. Propaganda has been used over the air, on public platforms and in the newspapers, which is an iniquity and a disgrace to any civilized people.

The People elected the Government to achieve a certain objective, but every possible obstacle has been placed in its path; its legislation has been held up by the Dominion Government or by reference to the Courts. Every device has been used to thwart the **Will of the People** of Alberta.

Almost every country in the world is in a state of war or preparing for one. Solution of the Unemployment Problem and a state of so-called prosperity is being brought about by a program armament building, but by no other Government in any country except Alberta, is the real cause of suffering humanity being fought.

We, the People of Alberta, are at war with International Finance. It is a war that is worthwhile because it means freedom and security for ourselves and our children for all time. It is a war in which human life need not and will not be sacrificed. We have so far answered those who seek to discredit us with three years of honest, progressive Government and persistent effort. We have answered the destructive criticism of old party politicians with the mellowed tones of sound reasoning; we have answered the mailed fist of money dictatorship with the padded glove of peaceful fellowship but war may have many phases, and if our battle must finally be won by still more aggressive methods, better we do it now, so that our children may enjoy the heritage it will be our privilege to hand on, in peace and security.

There is no argument that the root cause of all our ills today, as it always has been, is lack of money leading to war, unemployment, poverty, with all their attendant evils of murder, suicides, desperation and madness. The logical spot then at which to apply the cure is at the cause of our trouble. Even old party leaders are now telling us they, too, believe we are right in our demands. If they enter the fight with their hands clean, we welcome them. Social Credit is not a party issue and we must never permit it to become a political party football. We

are prepared to welcome people of every political creed into our ranks but they must take up the fight on our terms and according to our rules.

We, who believe implicitly in the philosophy of this great movement and the justice of our cause, believe that not only our province, but the Dominion and other countries of the world will gradually come to realize that only by removing the cause of the poverty so widespread all over the Dominion of Canada, can we ever hope to bring order out of the chaos which exists today. It is, therefore, not surprising to find men who have in the past been leaders in the world of orthodox financing, having realized that its downfall is imminent, taking their places in the ranks of those who have challenged its power, and are determined to sever for all time the strangling effect its hold has on the very life of every country in the world.



ACTS

CREDIT OF ALBERTA REGULATION ACT

Why Passed

1. **Because** there was widespread poverty and distress throughout Alberta.

2. **Because** Alberta, one of the richest provinces in the Dominion could produce abundance for her people.

3. **Because** the only reason why Albertans were living in poverty was lack of purchasing power.

4. **Because** such purchasing power should be made available to the people by using their own credit, as would enable them to obtain, at all times, what they wanted.

5. **Because** this could be done by a scientific balancing between money and goods produced.

6. **Because** control of Credit being, in the words of Hon. McKenzie King, "A public matter, not of interest to bankers alone, but of direct concern to every citizen," credit policy should be vested in an authority responsible to the representatives of the people.

7. **Because** banks, being manufacturers of credit and functioning as public utility concerns, supplying a service of primary and vital importance to the lives of the citizens of Alberta should be licensed and subjected to supervision only in regard to policy—i.e., the results they provide, and unless the people of Alberta can use the resources of their own Province as they desire, and determine the results which shall accrue to them they have no property and civil right in the full sense. (Banking administration being under Federal jurisdiction was in no manner affected by the Act.)

What Happened

Disallowed by Federal Government, Aug. 17, 1937.

What It Would Have Done

1. **Would** have secured the results demanded by the People—a lower cost to live and monthly dividends.

2. **Would** have provided markets for Alberta manufacturers and traders.

3. **Would** have led to tremendous industrial development in manufacturing Alberta goods by processing Alberta produce.

4. **Would** have resulted in rapidly absorbing every unemployed person into useful employment and relieved the aged and infirm of the necessity of working for a living.

5. **Would** have led to increased business activity in which industrialists, wholesalers, retailers and banks would all have benefited.

6. **Would** have enabled taxation to be reduced drastically.

7. **Would** have made it possible to deal with the debt problems.

BANK TAXATION ACT

Why Passed

1. **Because** under the present system, the Government has one source of revenue only—Taxation.

2. **Because** the People of Alberta are already taxed beyond their ability to pay.

3. **Because** the banks are the only concerns who pay taxes without it costing them anything.

4. **Because** banks are the only institutions claiming the legal right to monetize the credit of The People to such an extent that they create and issue monetary credits many times in excess of the legal tender money they hold.

5. **Because** banks can thereby create money out of nothing.

6. **Because** the present method of taxation of individuals is confiscatory, and unnecessary.

What Happened

Assent withheld by Lieutenant Governor.

Declared unconstitutional by Supreme Court of Canada.

Appeal by Province from Supreme Court decision to Privy Council dismissed.

What It Would Have Done

1. **Would** place over Two Million Dollars new money in circulation.

2. **Would** have permitted an equal amount, otherwise paid in taxes, to remain in the ordinary channels of industry, thus aiding employment and acting as a tremendous impetus to business generally, or

3. **Would** have enabled the Government to embark on a six-million dollar highway and market roads program under the three way Dominion-Provincial-Municipal plan, or,

4. **Would** have provided a hospital and medical service in districts where those are not available, or,

5. **Would** have set up a fund for Crop Insurance, or

6. **Would** have given decreased School Taxes.

7. **Would** have provided increased purchasing power for the People of Alberta.

REDUCTION AND SETTLEMENT OF DEBT ACT

Why Passed

1. **Because** under the present financial system debt cannot be paid without creating new and larger debts. The People of Alberta possess only about 20c for every \$1.00 of debt — this they owe to the banks and they can get no money except as a debt to the bankers.

2. **Because** private debts, largely due to accumulated interest, had increased to such an extent that they were out of all proportion to value received.

3. **Because** many outstanding debts had been incurred during the war and immediate post-war years when values were high.

4. **Because** the original debt had already, in many cases, been paid in interest charges while principal remained unchanged or showed little reduction.

5. **Because** people could no longer continue to pay interest of 8% to 10%.

6. **Because** financial corporations refused to co-operate in any comprehensive debt reduction or to accept reduced interest charges.

7. **Because** they refused to recognize that the inability of people to meet their obligations, was due to lack of adequate returns on what they produced.

8. **Because** no people or country can prosper and progress so long as they labor under a burden of debt and continue to be harassed by those who deal in money as a commodity.

What Happened

Declared ultra vires of the Province by the Courts.

What It Would Have Done

1. **Would** have established a basis of settlement for all outstanding debts.

2. **Would** have reduced all debt incurred previous to July, 1932, by applying all interest paid from that date to the passing of the act on reduction of principal.

3. **Would** have settled definitely the question involved in debts which had become uncollectable.

4. **Would** have led to a restoration of confidence and encouraged those who, through no fault of their own were living in poverty and struggling against odds which they could not possibly overcome.

ACT TO ENSURE PUBLICATION OF ACCURATE NEWS AND INFORMATION

Why Passed

1. **Because** the control of news and the control of credit are both exercised by the financial interests.

2. **Because** "The freedom of the press" has become license to distort news, misrepresent facts and withhold essential information from the public.

3. **Because** this anti-social aspect of the press, under inspired direction, is being used to thwart the people of Alberta in their struggle against finance.

What Happened

Assent withheld by Lieutenant-Governor.

Declared unconstitutional by Supreme Court of Canada.

In the appeal of the Province of Alberta from decision of Supreme Court of Canada, the Privy Council refused to hear Alberta's argument by their counsel.

What It Would Have Done

1. Would have ensured that all newspapers in Alberta would publish all the facts in their news reports of Governmental matters so far as this was possible, and if, from any cause, false statements appeared, equal space would be given for authoritative correction.

2. Would have ensured that the same information which every publisher demands from correspondents to his columns, i.e. the names of contributors of articles, would be available to **The People** when demanded by their representatives.

Note:—This briefly, is all the Press Act meant. It was widely misrepresented by the press as a "muzzling act." Actually it was the reverse. It did not prohibit the press from publishing anything it wanted. It merely provided that the public be told all the facts, not what a particular newspaper thought fit.

HOME OWNERS SECURITY ACT

Why Passed

1. **Because** under stress of world conditions and a falsified financial system, over which individuals had no control, many were forced to mortgage their homes.

2. **Because** conditions had changed since these loans were received so that commodity and labour prices bore little relation to the continued high price of money.

3. **Because** there was grave danger of many Alberta Citizens losing their homes.

4. **Because** in most cases, these homes represented the total life's savings of many people.

5. **Because** it is just as much the duty of any Government to protect the homes of individual members of Society against the confiscatory practices of unscrupulous money-lenders as it is to defend its people against the invasion of a foreign aggressor.

6. **Because** there can be no Sanctity of Contract which does not recognize that human life has, at least, as much value as considerations of "money."

What Happened

Disallowed by Mackenzie-King Government, June 15, 1938.

What It Would Have Done

1. Would have prohibited foreclosures or sale under mortgage proceedings of any farm home.

2. Would have prohibited foreclosure or sale under mortgage proceedings of any home in a town, city

or village, unless the plaintiff first deposited \$2,000 with the Court which would be paid to the owner if dispossessed to enable him to purchase another home.

3. Would have induced debtor and creditor alike to seek equitable basis of settlement through the medium of the Debt Adjustment Board.

4. Would have enabled home-owners to enter into new contracts commensurate with their present ability to pay.

SECURITIES TAX ACT - 1938

Why Passed

1. Because the Government required additional revenue for one year to replace the loss of revenue from the Bank Taxation Act before the Privy Council.

2. Because the additional revenue was essential to provide the people with the benefits they needed.

3. Because it was equitable that mortgage companies and similar institutions should make good some of the taxation they have escaped for years.

4. Because the Government is pledged to the people to remove the burden of taxation from individuals and, until we gain control of our credit resources, this can be done only by transferring it to institutions which are better able to bear it.

What Happened

Disallowed by Mackenzie-King Government, June 15, 1938.

What It Would Have Done

1. Would have realized \$1,500,000 — sufficient revenue to balance the Provincial Budget.

2. Would have helped the Government considerably to give tax relief, to provide additional relief projects, increase School Grants, and undertake many other benefits planned for the people.

CREDIT OF ALBERTA REGULATION ACT, (1937) AMENDMENT

Why Passed

1. Because Credit of Alberta Regulation Act had been disallowed by the Dominion Government.

What Happened

Assent withheld by Lieutenant-Governor.

Declared unconstitutional by Supreme Court of Canada.

In the appeal of the Province of Alberta from decision of Supreme Court of Canada, the Privy Council refused to hear Alberta's argument by their counsel.

What It Would Have Done

1. Would have brought all the benefits of the Credit of Alberta Regulation Act which it supplanted.

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